

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee began markup of S. 1090, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, August 3.

**BREAST/CERVICAL CANCER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Health Care held hearings on S.662, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program, receiving testimony from Senator Mikulski; Barbara D. Matula, North Carolina Medical Society Foundation, Raleigh; Marlene McCarthy, National Breast Cancer Coalition, Washington, D.C.; Carolyn Tapp, Women of Color Breast Cancer Survivors Support Project, Los Angeles, California; Barbara Flett, Women's Health Partnership of Suffolk County, Buffalo, New York; and Marilyn Almond, Providence, Rhode Island.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

**AFRICA TRADE AND INVESTMENT BARRIERS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee held hearings to examine barriers to trade and investment in Africa, receiving testimony from Robert L. Mallett, Deputy Secretary of Commerce; Jeffrey Sachs, Har-

vard University Center for International Development, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Kim Jaycox, AIG Africa Infrastructure Fund, Chester Crocker, Georgetown University, and Walter Kansteiner, Scowcroft Group, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CRIMINAL DIVISION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight concluded oversight hearings on the responsibilities and activities of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from James K. Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

**CHILD CARE INNOVATIONS**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings on innovations that are being made to help improve the quality and supply of child care, after receiving testimony from Carole Black, Lifetime Television, and Ellen Galinsky, Families and Work Institute, both of New York, New York; Yasmina S. Vinci, National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, Washington, D.C.; Amanda O'Neill, Educare Colorado, Denver; Sue Russell, Child Care Services Association, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Elaine Fersh, Parents United for Child Care, Boston, Massachusetts; Eva Marie Saint, Los Angeles, California; and Barrie Brigham, Burlington, Vermont.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 2613–2628; 1 private bill, H.R. 2629; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 164, and H. Res. 264, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2031, to provide for injunctive relief in Federal district court to enforce State laws relating to the interstate transportation of intoxicating liquor, amended (H. Rept. 106–265);

Conference report on H.R. 2465, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–266);

H.R. 2368, to assist in the resettlement and relocation of the people of Bikini Atoll by amending the terms of the trust fund established during the United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (H. Rept. 106–267);

H. Res. 262, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2465, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–268); and

H. Res. 263, providing for consideration of H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–269).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Wilson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Journal Vote:** Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, July 26, by a ye and nay vote of 352 yeas to 53 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 337.

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**Normal Trade Relations for China:** The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 57, disapproving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China, by a ye and nay vote of 170 yeas to 260 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 338.

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The joint resolution was considered pursuant to the unanimous consent agreement of July 22.

**Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act:** The House passed H.R. 2605, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, by a ye and nay vote of 420 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 342.

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Agreed to:

The Salmon amendment that increases renewable energy funding by \$30 million; and

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The Boehlert amendment that limits regulatory program funding until the Corps of Engineers submits studies and analyses 30 days prior to the final publication of the proposed replacement permits for the nationwide permit 26 under section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and not later than December 30, 1999 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 426 yeas with 1 voting "no", Roll No. 340).

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Rejected:

The Visclosky amendment that sought to strike provisions requiring the Corps of Engineers to conduct studies and report to Congress prior to the implementation of proposed replacement permits for the nationwide permit 26 under section 404 of the Clean Water Act and specifies that results of a single-level appeal of jurisdictional determinations shall be considered final agency action (rejected by recorded vote of 183 yeas to 245 noes, Roll No. 341).

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Points of Order Sustained Against:

Section 506; and

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Language on page 7 line 7 through page 9 line

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Withdrawn:

The Dingell amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to strike language that prohibits any funds to be used to support more than one regional office in each Corps of Engineers

division, which office shall serve as divisional headquarters; and

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The Filner amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to allocate \$50 million in Atomic Energy Defense Activities funding for the removal of residual radioactive material from the Atlas site approximately 3 miles northwest of Moab, Utah, and from the floodplain of the Colorado River for permanent disposition and stabilization in a safe and environmentally sound manner.

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H. Res. 261, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

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**District of Columbia Appropriations Act:** The House completed general debate on H.R. 2587, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

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H. Res. 260, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to earlier by ye and nay vote of 227 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 339.

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**Honorable George E. Brown, Jr. Funeral Committee:** Pursuant to H. Res. 252, the Chair announced that the Speaker's appointment of Members to the Committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable George E. Brown, Jr. of California will be printed in the Congressional Record.

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**Meeting Hour—Thursday, July 29:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 29.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H6430.

**Referrals:** S. 296 was referred to the Committee on Science, and S. 1402 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services.

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**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6583-84.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four ye and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6434, H6474-75, H6508-09, H6548, H6548-49, and H6549-50. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight on July 27.

## ***Committee Meetings***

### **ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT AMENDMENTS**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 623, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to eliminate certain regulation of plumbing supplies. Testimony was from Representative Knollenberg; and public witnesses.

### **SECURITIES TRANSACTION FEES—IMPACT OF MARKET VOLATILITY**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on the Impact of Market Volatility in Securities Transaction Fees. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2130, amended, Hillory J. Farias Date-Rape Prevention Drug Act of 1999; and H.R. 2506, Health Research and Quality Act of 1999.

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SCHOOL BUILDING LEVEL**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing on Title I: What's Happening at the School District and School Building Level. Testimony was heard from Reid Lyon, Child Development and Behavior Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT—2000 YEAR CENSUS**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Census held a hearing on Oversight of the 2000 Census: Examining the Bureau's Paid Advertising Campaign. Testimony was heard from Kenneth J. Prewitt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES PAY ADJUSTMENT; LIFE INSURANCE—FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Civil Service approved for full Committee action H.R. 915, to authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Life Insurance: New Options for Federal Employees. Testimony was heard from William E. Flynn, III, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance Services, OPM; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported, amended, the following bills: H.R. 1752, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 2112, Multi-district, Multiparty, Multiforum Trial Jurisdiction Act of 1999.

The Committee also began mark up of H.R. 1875, Interstate Class Action Jurisdiction Act of 1999.

Will continue August 3.

### **FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule allows that the bill be open to amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions or transfers of funds in a general appropriations bill). The rule provides that before consideration of any other amendment it shall be in order to consider the amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report which shall be considered only in the order printed in the report. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part B of the report may be offered only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule further allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Callahan, Gilman, Smith of New Jersey, Campbell, Deal of Georgia, Greenwood, Pitts and Pelosi.